

Dear Family;

Since our last communication many changes have occurred. Spring came upon us fast and time keeps running sometimes faster than we would want. We have a new president and our brethren from the Broadview congregation invited us to pray for him on January 21st. We came together as a people of God to ask for His guidance for the new P.O.T.U.S..

We held a meeting in Golden Corral with several leaders of local congregations to talk about collaboration and unity among us. We need to be connected to address the needs of the Church in this volatile days. Many people move from one day to another and we need to let them know where to go and where their local family is. We also talked about a marriage seminar and a men's retreat in May.

Talking about marriages, we celebrated love with a luncheon after service at Gabriel and Aby's home. We had a great time and were reminded about the greatest love of all our Lord's.

Recently we went out together to watch a movie on a Tuesday night. They have new movies at a local family owned theater for 2 dollars and fifty cents. We enjoyed our time together and fomented the need to cultivate our relationships. By the way in case you want to know what movie we watched is about a big Gorilla found in a strange Island that somehow is the keeper of humans against the other animals and perils. Sounds like what Jesus does for us.

Maribel celebrated another birthday more radiant than ever. She put together again the Completamente Enamoradas (completely in love) retreat again. This year the woman was Ruth. It was really something the way all these ladies came together to decorate and transform camp once again to go back to those times. Sister Mercedes Lucero from Texas came to give the ladies a few lessons. One lady responded to Jesus' call and was baptized Praise God! The Lord keeps giving the increase for His kingdom.

Maribel and I had the opportunity to see family we had not seen in years. She went to Colombia and while in Colombia she attended service with the Barranquilla congregation. She was not going to be able to worship with them because her aunt was celebrating a birthday and the family had planned a celebration for her in another town. The Church normally meets in the morning and they were coming back in the afternoon. But as God's plan would have it, brother and sister Calvin and Linda Henry were visiting and he was going to preach for them. He asked if they could meet in the afternoon giving Maribel time to worship with them and visit with Linda whom she had not seen in a while as well. Maribel was returning home on Monday from Cartagena, but she wasn't going to waste the opportunity to meet with the ladies of the Church there. She talked to the preacher's wife and they went to eat together and had a class taught by Maribel before she took her plane back home. They were encouraged and Maribel was encouraged with both congregations.

My uncle had passed away in August and my mother and aunt asked me to please help them with their affairs in San Antonio Texas. While there we met with family I had not seen in more than twenty years. I had the opportunity to have a Bible study with my cousin Leonard and he asked me if we could study every week via facetime. Praise God!

Our brethren in Coral Springs turned three. We all celebrated together with a combined service. The responsibility of the lesson was given to me and I reminded everyone of our Lord's mission and His providence for it. We all must be reminded that is His mission and we are just His instruments. He is a

great God and will do His will with or without us. We were all encouraged to see all the people that He has called and expectant on what He will do next. After service, we celebrated with a pot luck and while eating Bryan, our sister Maria's son came to me asking about baptism. The following Wednesday night we all came together again with our Coral Springs brethren and presence the new birth in Christ. We all rejoiced again for the Lord's faithfulness. Bryan was into many bad things, but a year ago started coming more often to bible studies and services with his family. The call was clear and he has been transformed by our Lord Jesus for life. Please pray for him as he begins his walk with Christ.

Our brother Jorge Pineda continued his class on "Story Tellers", equipping the Saints to evangelize the world.

The men and ladies continue their classes weekly for the spiritual growth of the members. We also continue home bible studies every day of the week except for Mondays. These serve as places for spiritual growth, but also building up relationships in the Church. Many non-Christians attend these studies and Lord willing will accept the call from Him.

One of the ladies that is faithful to the Tuesday bible studies, is Erika. Jorge and Erika were first invited by sister Bety back in November to our services. They were and continue to attend a Pentecostal Church, but Erika attends bible studies. One day Jorge and Erika asked if we could study with them about baptism. We went joyfully and after the three hour study, yes it lasted three hours, that same Sunday night they asked to be baptized. That was two weeks ago and since then we have started a series of studies in Jesus' teachings and commandments. They have invited friends to the study and our own sister Bety attends with Javier who has yet to submit to Jesus' will. Please pray for these study as they grow in knowledge to be a fruitful one in all the ways.

We continue to pray for the new Spanish work that can be in the Broadview Church in North Lauderdale. We are getting together with their preachers Derek and Ron to pray and ask for guidance as we move forward. We plan to have the first Spanish service this April 30th 2017. Jorge and Erika the newly baptized couple live blocks away and so as three other families that include sister Bety. There is a strong Spanish speaking presence in the area that Lord willing we can reach for His glory.

Every other Friday or so we meet up with brother Jim Holway to talk about the work and dream and pray. He has been an invaluable friend, mentor brother to us all this years. We normally choose a place to have a meal together and this day was just that. We were going to try a new place, but we were late and he was early or so we thought. We talked and changed places and to our surprise when we were about to eat we were brought a dish we didn't ask for and the waitress said "compliments of Milton". We turned around and saw Milton. He's a brother from Church that we had not seen in a couple of years. He moved and we lost track of him. I had just prayed that morning for him and sure enough the Lord let us see him. He told us he worked there, but it was his day off. Notwithstanding he got up that morning and came anyway to paint the sidewalks that no one had asked him to do. The love of God. Only He can do and allow this things to happen.

Brother Jim was one of the three speakers at are annual vigil. 12 congregations came together for a night of praise, and prayer along with instruction and what else food and companionship. We were encouraged by all the more than 150 in attendance and had a wonderful night. We love the Lord and know are not alone. The Church has an obligation to come together to praise the Lord for all He has doing, does and will do.

Brother Eduardo and Janet continue with their food ministry to reach out to others and show the love of Christ through service, and teaching of the word.

Also we have a new ministry in Facebook. We are sharing the word of God by putting melody and singing it then posting it and encouraging others to learn what the Lord is teaching us through his word. In today's age we must take advantage of every tool at our disposal to convey the message of love to our Lord. The words are directly taken from the Bible so if you want to learn Spanish by singing the word we believe you can with our Lord's help. We encourage you to go to Facebook and look up Cantando la Palabra de Dios and share with others and use it yourselves to learn the word of God in Spanish.

We appreciate all your prayers, love and support. Let's continue to put ourselves in His hands and let Him do and get the glory He deserves.

Love you in Christ's love

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